

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 179

By Wilburn

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the coaches and members of the Middleton High School girls' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Class A state championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those student-athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we all can be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Middleton High School Lady Tigers have proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard, as they recently won the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Class A state championship; and

WHEREAS, in capping off their stellar campaign with a state championship win, the Lady Tigers achieved an outstanding undefeated season of 35–0; and

WHEREAS, despite losing top player Deja Faulkner earlier in the season, the rest of the players showed their hard work and dedication to success; and

WHEREAS, behind for most of the first half of the championship game, the Lady Tigers were able to come back and defeat Clarkrange High School 62–50 to win the state championship title; and

WHEREAS, the Middleton High School girls' basketball team is fortunate to have the support and leadership of Head Coach James Burkley; and

WHEREAS, the players of this outstanding team received numerous awards and recognitions during state tournament play; Averyale Joy was a Miss Basketball finalist; Chelsey Perry was named tournament most valuable player; and Chelsey, Averyale, Rachelle Parks, and Dakedra Mason were named to the all-tournament team; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Middleton High School Lady Tigers epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship season, but surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Middleton High School girls' basketball team for their outstanding performance and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the coaches and members of the Middleton High School Lady Tigers upon winning the TSSAA Class A state championship, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.